CALL TO ORDER

Council President Randy Corman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council’s Committee of the Whole to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TONI NELSON.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

LARRY WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; JULIA MEDZEGIAN, Council Liaison.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, Renton Reporter

FORMULATION OF CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

The first half-hour of the meeting was held in the Council Conference Room, where the Council discussed the interview process to be held for City Council Position #2, which was vacated by Bob Edwards on January 10, 2000. The meeting was then moved to the Council Chambers for the interviewing of the candidates.

INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITION #2

Council President Corman explained that after City Council Position #2 was officially vacated by Bob Edwards last week, the City Council solicited applications for qualified candidates. Six individuals submitted letters of interest and associated materials by the deadline of noon, January 17th. The six persons expressing a desire to be appointed to the vacant Council position were:

1. Larry Brosman, 3625 NE 9th St., Renton, 98056
2. Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056
3. Dan Clawson, 1112 N. 29th St., Renton, 98056
4. Christopher P. Clifford, 2721 Talbot Rd. S., Renton, 98055
5. Herbert L. Postlewait, 3805 Park Ave. N., Renton, 98056, and
6. Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058.

A drawing was held to determine the sequence of the evening’s interviews, with the following order resulting:

1. Larry Brosman
2. Rosemary Quesenberry
3. Dan Clawson
4. Heidi Carlson
5. Herbert Postlewait, and
6. Christopher Clifford.

Each candidate, in the aforementioned sequence, first was allotted ten minutes in which to present their credentials to the Council. Following these introductions, the Council asked six pre-determined questions of each candidate, with the respondent given two minutes to answer each question. The questions were as follows:

1. We have just begun to see the effects of I-695 on local government and the
services we provide. What do you feel is the city’s best approach to maintaining services and controlling costs now and in the foreseeable future?

2. What kinds of skills, experience and background would you bring to the Council team?

3. The city will be facing many challenges and opportunities in the next five years. Currently on the drawing board are projects like the Piazza, redevelopment of the Highlands shopping area, Shuffleton/Southport and Port Quendall. Which of these projects do you feel is most important or is there another project or direction you would propose?

4. Citizen’s views on growth range from “leave things the way they are” all the way to “let’s put high-rises downtown and be more like Seattle”. What is your vision of how our city should deal with the many conflicts created by growth?

5. If you were a Councilmember, how would you deal with the following situation? A citizen calls you on a Saturday afternoon and complains about being approached and asked for money by a scruffy-looking person while walking through downtown and also complains there there is a lot of trash on the streets and sidewalks. What would you do?

6. Please describe your understanding of the role of a Councilmember versus the role of the Mayor versus the role of city staff.

After each of the candidates responded to the six pre-determined questions, Councilmembers were given the opportunity to ask any question of their own choosing.

Following the question-and-answer portion of the interview, each candidate was given two minutes in which to provide a closing statement.

RECESSES

The Council declared two recesses during the meeting. The first was from 8:00 to 8:09 and the second from 9:05 to 9:10. At the conclusion of both recesses, roll was called, all Councilmembers were present, and the meeting was resumed.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Council President Corman announced that Council will select the candidate to be appointed to the position at its regular meeting next Monday, January 24th.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CANCEL THE REGULARLY-SCHEDULED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON 1/24/00 SINCE ALL INTERVIEWS WERE COMPLETED THIS EVENING. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:40 p.m.

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Marilyn J. Petersen, CMC, City Clerk

Recorders: Julia Medzegian and Brenda Fritsvold
January 17, 2000